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Around the World in Nine Days

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Editor-In-Chief*

Nick Sauls learned Spanish in Guatemala. Lakeisha Story visited the Statue of Liberty. Ashley Williams repaired houses in the Bahamas. Bernard King got stung by a jellyfish in Florida. Spring Break offered students an opportunity to travel all over the Western Hemisphere. Students went in many directions and for many reasons, but they all had fun.

The business special topics class "International Business Study Experience" traveled to Panajurel, Guatemala, where they spent one week studying

Spanish and international commerce. Campus Ministries students took a trip to Eleuthra, Bahamas to perform missions work. The Campus Recreation and Intramural Program (CRIMP) traveled to Key West, Fla. Finally, Student Media (yes, the producers of this fine newspaper) attended a conference in New York City, N.Y. where they learned how to improve the various publications that Student Media produces each year.

In total, 58 students participated in these four trips. All of these groups were given the opportunity to contribute a short synopsis of their trip, which can be found on page 6.



Photo by Lakeisha Story.

The Dance Was Dead

*Aryn Hicks
Entertainment Editor*

The multicolored lights danced across the ceiling of the Berns Student Center; however, the dance floor was disappointingly empty. Fewer than 50 students participated in the recent St. Patrick's Day Dance.

The Student Activities Committee hosted its third dance of the year, and this dance was by far the least attended. The Homecoming Dance drew in a crowd of 300 students in October, and even the overly optimistic "Victory Dance" brought in nearly 60 students after a basketball game in January.

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Students are free to join smallTALK at any point in the school year. Meetings are every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Heritage Dining Room.

Initial copies of smallTALK are free. Additional copies are 25 cents.

MU Radio offers students aitime and opportunity

Muzik Staff

Methodist University's online radio station is inviting students to join the radio staff as producers, marketers, program directors, and on-air personalities.

"We're a small department, and so far participation has been limited to a number of mass communication students," said Professor Dan Trigoboff, who joined the MU faculty last summer. "But you don't have to be a mass-com student to work with the station."

"We'd like people from as many parts of the school as possible, to explore and promote the wide variety of interests, disciplines and backgrounds in the student body. We'd love to have international students share their cultures with the rest of us through music, for instance, or have students who study music share their knowledge. Eventually we'd like to put recordings of student performances on radio, so students' families can hear them."

The groundwork, setup, and early operations were implemented by Sarah Crist, who was a popular teacher at Methodist University from 2006 to 2009, and brought to the program a great love for college radio. Programming for college radio typically centers around progressive rock music, and MU Radio's The MuZik, is no exception.

"(Junior) Austin Bordeaux has done techno-rock shows for the station," Trigoboff said. "But Austin has broad and eclectic tastes, and he's also done shows with different formats, like Celtic music. Our music database has thousands of songs. Our Internet fees pay for copyright use, so students can bring their own songs."

Trigoboff says the station's most consistent performance so far has come from two freshmen with strong interest in sports. John Donnelly and Matt Snowberger have been doing a sports show twice, sometimes three times a week since the middle of last semester. The 6'9" Snowberger named the program the "Big John and Lurch Show." Snowberger has tapped not only his own expertise, but also his contacts and has brought coaches into the studio to talk sports.

"They've got great chemistry, and the show is a lot of fun," Trigoboff commented.

Donnelly, a non-traditional student, is a Navy corpsman who's served in war zones and has been through college before. "John's decided he wants to be a sports journalist, and I'm glad he's chosen to study at Methodist," said Trigoboff. "[John] brings a lot of knowledge and maturity to our program."

For Donnelly, MU radio offers "the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream to be a sportscaster. The environment, the staff... is great for an old guy like me."

A member of MU's basketball team, Snowberger said, "It's great being able to talk about local sports and about national sports on the radio and get my opinion out. It's great to hear back from coaches and teammates. We're bringing bus ride arguments to the air."



Austin Bordeaux and Professor Daniel Trigoboff work in MU Radio station. Photo contributed by Paul Joseph.

Both Donnelly and Snowberger have trained other students on the equipment and have emerged as leaders at MU Radio. Since both have family in Jacksonville, Florida, the show sometimes has more listeners in Jacksonville than in Fayetteville.

As an outgrowth of the radio program, communications students and faculty began an initiative this year called Methodist Universe, intended as a series of audio and video recordings of staff, students and faculty which will air over MU Radio and be archived.

The interview program was intended as a future project.

"But when Dr. [M. Elton] Hendricks announced his retirement," Trigoboff said. "I knew we couldn't wait. He has too many great stories to tell and obviously won't be as available to us once he retires."

MU President Hendricks agreed to sit for a series of interviews, the first of which was recorded just before spring break. Hendricks' on-camera recollections are expected to be included in programs commemorating his years at MU.

The interviewing and hosting for that first session was handled by Tiffany Jones, a freshman and the daughter of local radio personality (and former Methodist University student), Omega Jones.

"We worked together on questions," Trigoboff said, "but when the cameras started, she was on her own. She handled the interview with great poise and intelligence."

"This is a perfect way to learn and get constructive criticism to hone my skills for the real world," said Jones.

Initial plans called for simple audio recording, but Professor Paul Joseph suggested shooting the interview in high-definition video. Two mass communications students, Sung Kim and Megan Sexton, worked on the production during the first session shoot. A second session is planned, with freshman Camden Parks scheduled to host and additional mass communications students to work as production crew.

Students interested in participating in radio activities should call 630-7066, e-mail dtrigoboff@methodist.edu or contact one of the students involved.

Upcoming Around Campus

Mar. 30 - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Jam

This praise and worship outreach will be sponsored by Methodist University Campus Ministry and Chick-Fil-A. Students can expect musical performances by artist Charlie Hall. Come an hour early for free t-shirts. Pre-register to win Best Buy gifts. Admission is free.

Reeves Auditorium

April 2

Good Friday

Longer weekend, do something with it.

No Classes

April 7 - TBA

Cash Easter Egg Hunt

SAC will stuff money into eggs and hide them around campus. Keep your eyes open.

Campus Wide

April 16 - 8 p.m.

Movie and a Meal

Book of Eli

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Berns

April 24 - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Spring Fling

RHA and SAC have paired up to celebrate spring with free food and fun events.

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Football Field

More events can be found in the SAC calendar or on the university website at www.methodist.edu.

Events

On the Town

April 15-May 2 - 9:08 a.m.

Lysistrata
Greek comedy about a woman, Lysistrata, who tries to force the men to end the Peloponnesian War through negotiation. She tries to convince the men by getting the women to stop having sex with their husbands.

Gilbert Theater

April 23-25 - 7-11 p.m.

Annual Dogwood Festival
Steet festival with multiple live performances, midway rides, fireworks, and over 30 events.

Downtown Fayetteville

April 29-May 16

Mon-Fri - 5p.m. Sat-Sun - 1p.m.
Fort Bragg Fair

This event is open to the public featuring live entertainment of various genres and unlimited carnival rides.

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Fort Bragg Fairgrounds

May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 - 1 p.m.

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Two of the following movies listed will be played every Saturday.
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Dr. Strangelove
The Great Disaster
The Hurt Locker
Cameo Art House Theater

There are many more events happening around Fayetteville for all interests. The Fayetteville Visitors' Bureau lists a community calendar which can be found at www.visitfayettevillenc.com.

Freshmen experience new honors society

Jessie Heath
Opinions Editor

"I pledge to support the recognition and development of meaningful goals for other students."

"I pledge to use my education for ethical benefits."

"I accept responsibility to maintain standards of service, industry, and integrity."

Nolan Outlaw intoned this pledge as he was inducted into Alpha Lambda Mu Freshman Honors Society. Less than an hour before, Outlaw didn't even know that he would be inducted. A grade mix-up had kept his name off of the list of freshmen invited to the society. He was accepted only a half-hour before the ceremony.

Twenty-one other freshmen and two honorary members were also inducted last Wednesday during a formal ceremony in the Hensdale Chapel.

Friends and family members of the inductees watched as each student stepped to the altar in the Hensdale Chapel to accept membership and sign the pledge scroll. After declaring that it was their intention to continue to strive for academic success, each student, as well as Crisp and Gardiner, was given a candle and directed to line up along the two walls of the chapel. After all twenty-four new members were inducted, the candles were lit as a token of their new membership in Alpha Lambda Mu.

"There are a lot of honors societies at Methodist for junior and senior students,"

said Jennifer Rohrer-Walsh, one of the faculty advisors of Alpha Lambda Mu. "Our goal is to create an academic niche for these younger students and pledge to mentor them throughout their academic career here."

The intent of Alpha Lambda Mu is to promote high academic achievement among first year students, to encourage intelligent living and an appreciation for the high standard of learning, and to aid students in the recognition and development of meaningful goals in society.

As pledge members of Alpha Lambda Delta, the members of Alpha Lambda Mu are presented with a pledge badge made of three ribbons: a red ribbon, a gold ribbon, and a white ribbon. The red ribbon represents the burning flame of knowledge. The gold ribbon is representative of honor, and the white ribbon represents the search for truth.

The students inducted into the society fulfilled the high academic standards required by Alpha Lambda Mu in their first semester of college. The students must earn a 3.5 GPA in the first semester to be invited to the program.

"I was honored that my grades were good enough for me to be accepted to an honor society during my freshmen year," said Kaitlyn Leger, an inductee. "Coming into my freshmen year, I was concerned that having such a difficult schedule my first semester would be damaging to my GPA." (what was her schedule?)

Dr. Delmas Crisp, the Vice President



Inductees Stephanie Ongley and Nolan Outlaw light candles as a token of their membership into Alpha Lambda Mu. Photo by Francisca Frisone.

for Academic Affairs and Dean of the University, and Mrs. Jane Weeks Gardiner, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, were inducted as honorary members of Alpha Lambda Mu alongside the freshmen. Dr. Crisp was the University's supervisor through the recent SACS reaccreditation and Gardiner was described as very supportive of programs that specifically target freshmen. Both Crisp and Gardiner took the same pledge as the students.

During a reception after the ceremony, the students were presented with books which deal with ethics. The books were funded by the university in conjunction with the Quality Enhancement Plan.

Alpha Lambda Mu is Methodist University's First Year Student honor society. It was sponsored by Alpha Chi and the Lector Club. The implementation of a Freshman Honor Society fulfills one of the requirements for affiliation with the national honors society Alpha Lambda Delta.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

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So, why was there such a low turn out to the St. Patrick's Day Dance?

"I didn't expect that many people to show up [to the dance] because they are all going out to the bars," said Dylan Pusey, a freshman resort management major.

At most SAC events, students rush to the activity for the free food, drinks and souvenirs, with many students arriving on time to beat out other students to the free grabs. However, by 9 p.m., fewer than 30 students, not including those involved in SAC, were present.

While some students sat around the pool tables, others showed off their dance skills. Around 10 p.m., Doris Jackson, director of Student Activities shut down the dance. Jackson offered the left over pizza to those who helped clean up the decorations.

"Maybe it's a pride thing," said Lakesha Murray, a junior sociology major and member of SAC. "Students are always complaining that there is nothing to do around campus, but when there are SAC events, they don't want to show up."

Some students were upset that they could not attend the dance

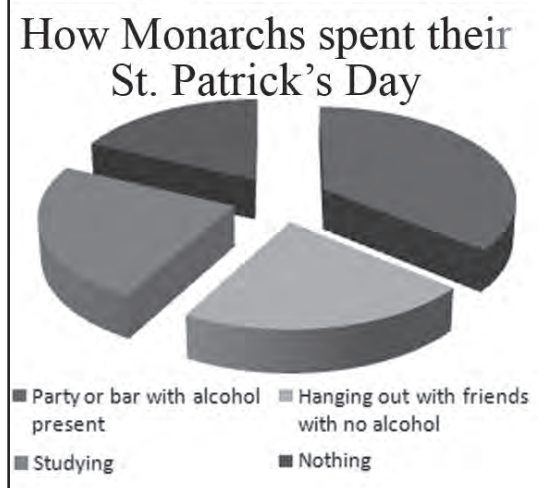
due to sport practices. Intramural volleyball games also conflicted with the dance.

"Coach [Hay] changed our practice to a later time so that some-

one could watch the routine," said Kirsten Hakes, a freshman cheerleader. "I would have gone to the dance if it didn't conflict with practice."

Since it was St. Patrick's Day, many students took advantage of the opportunity to go out and drink. As the night progressed, many students were spotted by residential assistants and residential assistants returning to their residence halls stumbling, a clear sign of drunkenness. Although some students attempted to hide their disorderly behavior, others blatantly showed off in their drunkenness.

According to an anonymous poll of 100 random students, 36 students either went to a party or bar where there was drinking. 22 students spent time with friends, with no alcohol present. 24 students chose to study through the St. Patrick's Day festivi-



Graphic by Skyler Champ. ties, while 18 students admitted to doing nothing that evening.

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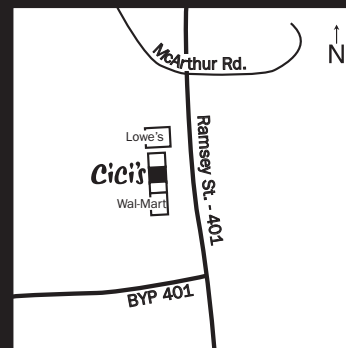
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Weekly Events

Monday	6:00 p.m.	One Voice Practice
Monday	8:00 p.m.	In His Grip
Monday	9:00 p.m.	Praise and Worship Band Practice
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Fellowship of Christian Athletics
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Campus Worship Service
Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (DOGS)
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Soup Talk
	9:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass

Special Worship Opportunities

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- Mar. 7-13: International Work Team (Eleuthera, Bahamas)
- Mar. 30: Easter Jam
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- Apr. 14: Community Friends Association
- May 15, 10:30 a.m.: Baccalaureate Service

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Student groups take off on Spring Break adventures

Student Media in the Big Apple

*Alicia Secord
Editor-In-Chief*

Every March for several years, Student Media members have attended the College Media Advisors conference in New York City, N.Y. The information we learned at the convention will be used to improve the newspaper and yearbook. This year, 2 members of the MU radio station staff joined the 13 Student Media staff on the trip.

Despite the fact that there is only one more issue after this one, the smallTALK staff is

constantly seeking to improve this paper.

“I learned to cover people, not event,” said Cecilia Bode, yearbook editor. “You find your story in people, not the venue.”

In addition to sessions, we networked with students from other colleges and universities. We also explored sites New York City, such as the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations building, and Grand Central Station, and took photos to submit to a photo contest hosted by the convention.



Top: Aryn Hicks and Lakeisha Story take time to look at a booth at the College Media Advisors convention in New York City. Photo by Alicia Secord.

MU Campus Ministry Serves the Bahamas

*John Morton and Ashley Williams
Contributing Writers*

For many college students, Spring Break is a time to escape the horrors of text books, professors, and exams. Many college students go to tropical places such as Cancun or Tijuana to relax and enjoy life in paradise. Other students will head home to see significant others and family members. Some college students forgo time with family and friends to spend their Spring Break working and serve other people. That is exactly what a group of 17 MU students and 2 MU staff members did this past week.

The work team traveled to the tiny, narrow island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. For 6 days Methodist University students, along with students from Duke University, Wake Forest University, and the University of Georgia, served the James Cistern and Hatchet Bay communities on the island. They helped repair and re-shingle a dilapidated roof of an elderly and blind community member. They laid tile and did wood work on windows of a community center that will be used as a safe haven for local children, as their community has been known to have drug, alcohol, and violence problems. They also helped repair and remodel several government-funded senior citizen homes.

The opportunity the students were presented with not only taught them numerous

construction skills, but it also taught many of them life lessons.

“Being able to work on these sites all week and interact with the local community has been such a wonderful, life-changing experience for me and my faith.” Said Ashley Williams. “The Bahamian people had such a strong impact on me this week and I am so thankful to have been able to share this week with many of my close friends from MU.”

Another group member, Senior, John Morton, created a website for people to be able to view and share their photos and videos from the week. Already, over 1,000 pictures have been uploaded to the site. To view these photos go to <http://bmhspring-break2010.shutterfly.com>. For more information regarding the trip and the projects that MU worked on, you may contact Sam Morrison at smorrison@methodist.edu.



Bottom: Ashley Stoudt pauses while laying tile in a house in the Bahamas. Photo contributed by John Morton.

Doing business in Guatemala

*Nick Sauls
Contributing Writer*

Over spring break, three business students enrolled in the Business Special Topics course traveled to Panajachel, Guatemala. The point of the trip was to study business outside of the U.S.A. and to learn “survival Spanish.”

After classes, though, we went out to have fun and embrace the culture of the area. We went zip lining through the mountains, swimming in hot springs and exploring ancient Mayan caves. The ladies seemed to

enjoy the shopping. A lot!

While we were there, we had seven, four hour Spanish classes in the morning. I had no Spanish speaking experience before this trip, but I learned a lot.

The business aspect was another part of our trip. I found a coffee shop, called Crossroad Coffee, that I loved while I was there, and did my project on that. It was owned by a man named Mike (last name?). I was able to get two interviews with him concerning his business model and how he started up his business. Mike also talked about coffee and how he got it for his shop.

The interviews were interesting, and of course, the coffee was the best I have ever had.

My spring break trip to Panajachel was an experience of a lifetime. It was a 3 credit class that will be offered next spring, as well as this summer. There will also be two more study abroad trips this summer: one to Mexico and another to Guatemala. Any students interested in participating in the future trips should talk to Dr. Spencer Davis or Dr. Mary Kirchner in the Reeves School of Business.

Ninja vs Easter Bunny Questionable Queries of a Campus Ninja

Dear Ninja,

It is that dreaded time of year in which a hopping mammal distributes eggs across our lands. Yes, it is Easter. Over the years, the fluffy foe has hidden his eggs filled with sugary and monetary wealth, and I have been foiled in my attempts to capture his prizes. One year, I was beaten with an Easter basket by a small little girl in a frilly dress just as I reached down to grab the legendary Golden Egg. Since then, I have barely found any eggs during the hunt. So, great masterful sensei, how do ninja collect Easter eggs during the hunt?

Sincerely,
Grimacing in the Grass

Dear Grimacing,

I am quite familiar with the foe that you speak of, the ever dreaded perennial platypus. The foul beast arrives the same time every year, destroying crops and hiding TV remotes. Worst of all, it leaves its eggs everywhere for a weekend. Does it pick them back up?! NO, the Easter bunny leaves us humans to take care of that once it has disappeared again. This has become a tradition of the human race, known as an Easter egg hunt. The only good thing is that they are filled with candies and currency, but I'll tell you I just don't like cleaning up after a strange looking mammal that can't conform to nature's rules. I collect Easter eggs using a secret technique known formally as Scattered Winds Crane Rush, which allows me to reach speeds nearing 350 mph. I don't put up with mess on the field of battle or Easter egg hunt, so if someone pushes me, I push right back with more force. That is how I normally gather the most eggs at Easter egg hunts.

Dear Ninja

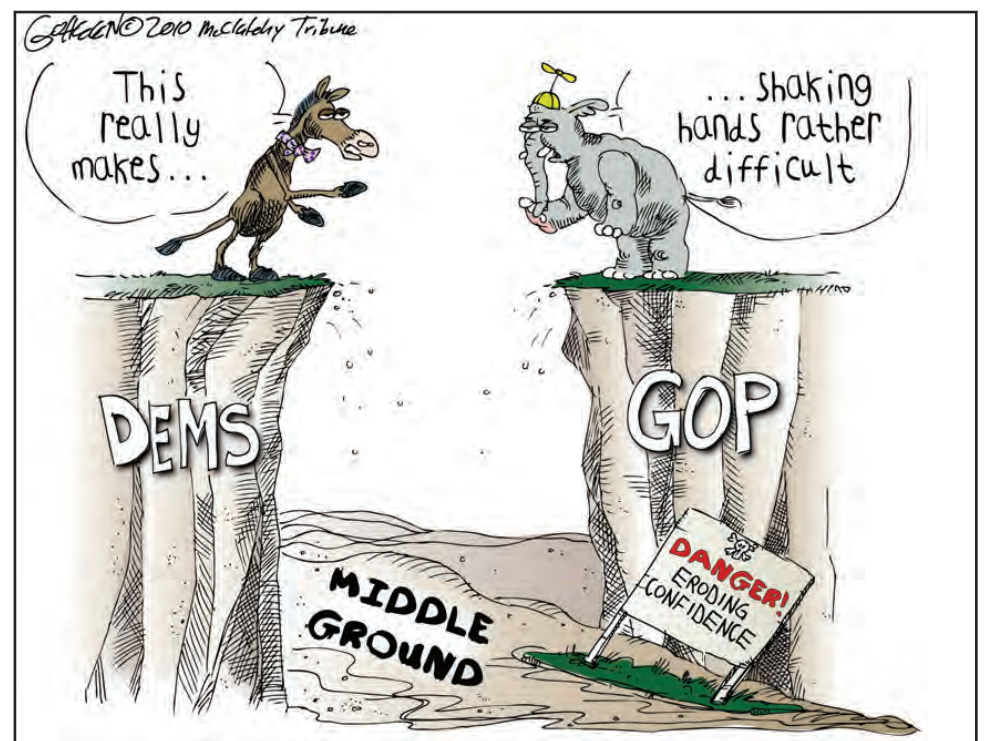
I have a serious problem on my hands, oh honored ninjutsu master. I accidentally fell in love with one of my friends that I work with on a regular basis. It started off innocently enough with me spitting mad game at her for hours on end, but then I came to a revelation. I truly have feelings for her. That was just the back story though; the problem is that she has Boo Lovin' who she cares for. I can't stand the thought of losing her to Boo Lovin', despite the fact that it is too late. What should I do in this situation, Grandiose Lord of the Hidden Realms?

Sincerely,
Love Lackey

Dear Lackey,

If you truly care for this girl, I believe that you should want her to be happy. This may mean you have to let them go into the big, manly arms of another guy. Be ever vigilant though my young ward, for if the relationship ends badly, you need to be ready to pick her up before she can even hit the ground. It's called playing the rebound. It is a pivotal skill in both love and basketball, the latter of which is a sport that

involves a ball, two hoops, and a large amount of people; just in case you didn't know. As a ninja, I have no such problems, though we ninja never lose at anything including love, because the result is normally death or enormous financial debt.



'HeartGold' and 'SoulSilver' revamps 'Pokémon' classics

Austin Bordeaux
Staff Writer

Pokémon HeartGold and SoulSilver are the remakes of the Pokémon Gold and Silver games. Many fans enjoyed these games, and were excited after hearing the news about the remakes. But did the remakes live up to their expectations? Does this Pokémon game continue to deliver? The short answer is yes.

Story: 4/10

Pokémon has never been about the story and since this is a remake it is one we have seen before with slight changes. The story is simple: You're a young Pokémon trainer who is given a Pokémon by your neighbor to run an errand. As soon as you finish, you suddenly have wishes to beat the 8 gym leaders of Johto and the Elite 4. Along the way, you encounter legendary Pokémon and have to thwart the nefarious plans of Team Rocket, an evil syndicate that uses Pokémon to achieve their grand plans of world domination.

Gameplay: 9/10

The gameplay is also simple and has not changed since the original: You train your Pokémon by battling other Pokémon. In battle, you pick one of four moves your Pokémon knows to fight. These moves vary from damaging the opponent, giving your opponent a debilitating effect, healing yourself,

boosting your own stat points, etc. The 1st Pokémon in your party now follows you around and you can talk to it when you feel like it.

The largest new attraction to the Pokémon universe is the addition of the Pokéathlon Dome, which allows you to pick a variety of Pokémon to use in mini-games that make use of the DS touch screen. While you can still use the D-pad and buttons, you can also control the menu using the touch screen.

Graphics: 8/10

The graphics are the best to date in a Pokémon game. The graphics are just about the same as in Diamond, Pearl, and Platinum; though there is a lot more detail throughout the environment. The colors are more vibrant, and all the cities are quite distinctive from one another in layout and building architecture. The sprites used for the Pokémon battles themselves are all bright, colorful, and crisp.

Music: 9/10

The music in the game is almost all remixes of the music from the original Gold and Silver versions, which help add a nostalgic feel to the game for all those that played those versions. For those that haven't, the music is still good and catchy. The sound effects of the Pokémon and their moves are all fairly basic, but memorable. For anyone who desires, there is also an item in the game called the GB Changer, which lets the player choose to switch to the original Gold and Silver music tracks.

Overall: 8/10

Personally, I am biased, and would rate every Gameboy version of Pokémon 10/10 if I could. I started playing with the original Red and clocked in about eight thousand hours on that version alone. As a reviewer, I have to admit that there is not much of a story and that the graphics, while great for a Pokémon game, still lack in comparison to a number of DS titles out there. Any Pokémon fan or RPG gamer should definitely pick this up. I also recommend that anyone who has never played a Pokémon game before at least give it a try.



Last Song Premiere in New York Venue more interesting than acting

Leanne Russell
Staff Writer

Students who attended the College Media Advisor convention were given this opportunity. "The Last Song" is set to come to theatres on March 31; however, some students attended the free premiere on March 15 at the Regal Theater on Time Square.

Lots of people were excited to get to see the movie before anyone else. In order to guarantee their seats, people began lining up for the movie about an hour before the movie started. Upon entering the theater, an attendant welcomed the students, and informed everyone that this select group was the first group to see "The Last Song" in New York City. She warned moviegoers about turning our cell phones off and not having any recording devices.

In the theater, there was another attendant wearing night vision goggles to ensure that no one was recording the movie or had cell phones on. If anyone was found with a recorder or using cell phone, they were

promptly kicked out of the screening.

"The Last Song" is the latest movie adaption of a Nicholas Sparks novel. Sparks also wrote the "The Notebook" and "Dear John." The movie experience itself was exciting at first because we were the first to see it, but the novelty quickly wore off. "The Last Song" was a typical Nicholas Sparks novel based movie, and followed the plot of the book for the most part.

The plot was the basic "boy meets girl" story. In general, it was a decent chick flick. The story centered around Ronnie (Cyrus) and her younger brother, who were spending the summer with their father.

The casting of Miley Cyrus as the main character, Ronnie, however was the movie's greatest downfall. Cyrus is not a good dramatic actress, and this became apparent in many of the scene. Overall, it was an exciting experience to attend a movie screening in New York City before anyone else in the United States.

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Monarch Baseball is a Homerun

Top: Players gather on field during the February 17 game. Photo by Casey Southard. Graphic by Skyler Champ.

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Staff Writer

For Monarch fans and athletes, it has been a hard year. It has been especially difficult on the men's sides with the football, basketball, and soccer teams posting a combined winning percentage of .353. With three sports and thirteen wins, who could blame a fan for losing hope?

"They were good, but that's just us, we are just dirty," said freshmen pitcher Trey Thornton, after the 11-2 win over conference rival Ferrum.

Armstrong-Shelley field has become Methodists own diamond in the rough. With a current season record of 16-7 and winning percentage of .696, the Monarch baseball team has double the winning percentage over all of the men's fall and winter sports teams combined. The Methodist baseball has won more games in 23 matches than basketball, soccer, or football in their respective seasons combined.

Spurred on by strong players like Trey Such, Trip

Lancaster, and Brain Ingram, the Monarch run machine tends to overwhelm even strong defensive squads. As a team, the Monarchs have a .330 batting average, and have hit 17 homeruns, making for very exciting baseball.

According to d3baseball.com, the Methodist baseball team is poised to take a much deserved top 25 national poll. They are a half game behind North Carolina Wesleyan in the USA South while posting the best overall record in the conference.

Despite the team's success, the Monarchs baseball team often plays for fewer than one hundred home fans, the lowest attendance of any of the four sports mentioned.

Let's give the baseball team the support they have earned. For all those fans who suffered through seven months of losing efforts, take a walk down the hill to be a part of MU's conference march.

Methodist Dining Services
Celebrates Easter
Friday, April 2nd
Brunch With The Bunny
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
The Green & Gold Cafe

Sunday, April 4th
Easter Sunday Dinner
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
The Green & Gold Cafe

We would like to thank Katherine Meindl for jumping in and helping Methodist Dining Service. When Dee Wynn, the A.M. Grill Cook, fell ill on Friday, March 19th, Katherine stepped in, washed her hands, threw on a hairnet and served students breakfast. Your help was greatly appreciated. The Staff of Methodist Dining Services.

MONARCH SCOREBOARD

GAME RESULTS

Baseball		
Date	Opponent	Score
3/6	Averett University	W 8-5
3/7	Averett University	L 3-7
3/8	Penn State	W 16-3
3/9	Virginia Wesleyan College	W 4-3
3/13	Shenandoah University	L 2-4
3/14	Shenandoah University	W 13-1
3/17	Rhodes College	L 1-6
3/20	Ferrum College	W 8-7
3/21	Ferrum College	W 11-2
3/24	Tufts University	

Softball		
Date	Opponent	Score
3/9	Emerson College	L 4-5
3/9	Lake Forest College	L 2-8
3/10	Mount Union College	L 3-8
3/10	Moravian College	L 5-17
3/12	Mount Union College	L 3-4
3/12	Ithica College	L 0-7
3/13	Gustavus Adolphus College	L 0-8
3/13	Denison University	L 2-14
3/14	University of La Verne	L 10-15
3/17	North Carolina Wesleyan College	W 12-8, W 9-1
3/20	Christopher Newport University	L 0-8, L 0-8
3/21	Rutgers-Camden	W 12-11, L 1-5
3/23	Greensboro College	W 8-7, L 0-1

Mens Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Score
3/6	Bridgewater College	W 6-3
3/8	Washington University in St. Louis	L 1-8
3/9	Wittenberg University	W 7-2
3/9	St. Lawrence University	L 2-7
3/12	Eastern Nazarene College	W 9-0
3/12	The College of Wooster	W 5-4
3/16	Greensboro College	W 9-0
3/21	Guilford College	W 7-2

Womens Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Score
3/6	Bridgewater College	W 8-1
3/9	LeTourneau University	W 9-0
3/11	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	W 5-4
3/12	Southwestern University	W 5-4
3/13	Austin College	W 7-2
3/16	Greensboro College	W 9-0
3/20	Averett University	W 9-0
3/21	Mary Baldwin College	W 9-0

Mens Golf		
Date	Opponent	Score
3/19 - 3/21	Jekyll Island Invitational	1st - 864

Womens Golf		
Date	Opponent	Score
3/8 - 3/9	Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational	T-8th - 966
3/10 - 3/11	NIU Snowbird Invitational	1st - 645
3/19 - 3/21	Jekyll Island Womens Invitational	1st - 951

Lacrosse		
Date	Opponent	Score
3/5	Birmingham-Southern College	L 6-20
3/7	Shenandoah University	L 7-17
3/9	Washington College	L 4-19
3/13	Agnes Scott College	W 22-14
3/14	LaGrange College	W 18-3
3/17	Lancaster Bible College	W 16-5
3/20	Greensboro College	L 3-19

HOME GAMES

Baseball		
Date	Opponent	Time
3/31	Virginia Wesleyan College	4:00pm
4/10	Emory University	1:00pm
4/11	Emory University	2:00pm

Men's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time
3/27	Ferrum College	12:30pm
4/3	Shenandoah University	10:00am

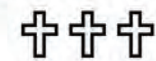
Women's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time
3/27	Ferrum College	12:30pm
4/3	Shenandoah University	9:00am
4/3	Agnes Scott University	noon
4/10	Christopher Newport University	1:00pm



Courtney Kerns bats during the Swing Pink game for breast cancer awareness.
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